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STALINGRAD SHIPYARD, GOR'KIY PLANT TURN OUT
DREDGES FOR KUYBYSHEV GES

POOR PLANNING DELAYS COMPLETION -- Moscow, Pravda, 9 Jun 51

Work is still going on on the four suction dredges, two transfer pumping stations, and two floating discharge lines which were to have been completed by the Stalingrad Shipyard in May and sent to the great construction projects. Rubinchik, the shipyard director, promised that a suction dredge would be completed and at the disposal of the builders of the Kuybyshev GES not later than 15 May. Counting on his word, the authorities at the Kuybyshev project sent a towing vessel to the shipyard, only to find that the dredge, though launched, was far from completed, lacking such important items as the cutter head, electrical equipment, and the spuds. The pump was not finished.

The completion dates for the dredges were postponed several times. Finally, the first dredge was declared ready on 31 May. An examining commission, however, found some defects in construction, and did not accept it.

The delays at the shipyard cannot be justified. There is no shortage of metal, production equipment, or workers. Sixty experienced workers were sent from the Kuybyshev project to work on the dredges.

The basic causes of the delay are the poor organization of work on the dredges, and the failure of the shipyard directors to realize the importance of the dredges to the success of the great construction projects. There is no control over shop production rates, which slows down the work of the assemblers. The chief engineer of the shipyard makes no effort to improve the technology applied there.

The party organization is doing nothing to remedy the situation. It has even stopped putting up posters urging completion of the dredges.

The Ministry of Transport-Machine Building, to which the Stalingrad Shipyard is subordinate, is quite tolerant of the shipyard's poor performance.

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Moscow, Pravda, 6 Jul 51

Makhonin, Deputy Minister of Transport-Machine Building, has stated that the description of the shortcomings of the Stalingrad Shipyard in the construction of the 300-40 suction dredges, which appeared in this newspaper on 8 June, is absolutely correct.

The Ministry of Transport-Machine Building has not rendered sufficient technical aid to the shipyard in the construction of the dredges, and there has not been adequate control over the production schedule. Chief Engineer Klement'yev of Glavrechsudostroyeniye (Main Administration of River Ship Building) has accordingly been sent to the shipyard to see that this technical aid is provided.

On 17 June, a 300-40 suction dredge was turned over to the Kuybyshev GES project authorities, and accepted. Special technical aid will be given by the ministry in the construction of the heavier 1,000-80 suction dredges.

In addition to the above aid, measures have been taken to insure high quality of parts and units which other enterprises produce to go into the assembly of the dredges.

Moscow, Izvestiya, 6 Oct 51

The first 1,000-80 suction dredge has been launched at the Stalingrad Shipyard. Basic equipment for the dredge was made at the Sverdlovsk Uralmash Plant, the Gor'kiy Krasnoye Sormovo Plant, imeni Zhdanov, and other plants. The dredge has undergone tests and has been approved by a state commission. It will start on its way to the site of the Kuybyshev GES today.

Moscow, Trud, 6 Oct 51

The new 1,000-80 dredge is called the "Stalingradskiy Perviy." It weighs 2,500 tons.

Moscow, Izvestiya, 1 Nov 51

The Stalingrad Shipyard has put out a new suction dredge, the "Stalingradskiy Vtoroy." This dredge, which moves pulp /earth in solution/ a distance of 500 meters, was built in a shorter time than the "Stalingradskiy Perviy."

On plant tests, the new dredge considerably surpassed its design capacity, putting out 13,000 cubic meters of pulp per hour instead of 10,000.

GOR'KIY BUILDERS LAG IN COMPLETION OF DREDGE -- Moscow, Pravda, 16 Jun 51

In the beginning of May, the Gor'kiy Sormovskiy Plant /Krasnoye Sormovo Plant/ received an urgent request from the builders of the Kuybyshev GES to complete ahead of time the dredge then under construction at the plant. Upon receipt of this request, Smelyakov, plant director, ordered all shops to turn out parts and units in strict adherence to the plan; but the May plan was not met, and indexes showed no improvement in June. Recently, all work on the dredge came to a virtual standstill, while not even one tenth the required parts issued from the shops. Of the dredge's 12 steam engines, only three have been installed. Three more are slated for capital repair, but this has not begun, nor has the work on the remaining six engines.

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The reason for this unpardonable delay lies in the failure of the plant director and the plant Party Committee to insist on strict adherence to the plan. Kerichev, chief designer, and Zubkov, chief technician, are also guilty of laxity in this respect. Lumber cannot be laid on the vessel's main deck, because no plans have been made for disposition of the deck equipment. There is hardly any coordination among the various shops. Many units have lain about the plant for long periods, waiting for the one or two small parts which would ready them for installation.

Tbilisi, Zarya Vostoka, 4 Oct 51

The Gor'kiy Krasnoye Sormovo Plant is completing a new ladder dredge, the "Pyatiletka." This vessel, which will be used in the construction of the Kuybyshev GES, can dredge to a depth of 14 meters.

[A photograph of the "Pyatiletka," being completed at the Gor'kiy Krasnoye Sormovo Plant, appears on page one of Sovetskaya Latvija, 28 Sep 1951.]

Leningradskaya Pravda, 31 Oct 51

The Gor'kiy Krasnoye Sormovo Plant has completed ahead of schedule the heavy "Pyatiletka" ladder dredge. It has 15 buckets, each one of which has a capacity of over one cubic meter.

The vessel is on its way to the site of the Kuybyshev GES.

Moscow, Komsomol'skaya Pravda, 4 Nov 51

The "Pyatiletka" ladder dredge of the Gor'kiy Krasnoye Sormovo Plant is 75 meters long. It has a productivity of 75 cubic meters of earth per hour, and can move the earth by pipeline a distance of one kilometer.

Living conditions on board are excellent. Quarters are light and spacious, and are furnished comfortably. There is a mess deck and a library, and a radio is at the disposal of the crew.

The "Pyatiletka" arrived at the Kuybyshev GES site on 3 November.

DREDGE REPLACES THOUSANDS OF WORKERS -- Baku, Bakinskiy Rabochiy, 1 Jun 51

The Shcherbakov Hydraulic Machinery Plant has established production of a suction dredge which has a productivity equivalent to that of several thousand workers. The first three dredges of this model were sent to the great construction projects. Three more are being assembled on the banks of the Volga.

SEND DREDGE TO CANAL BUILDERS -- Riga, Sovietskaya Latvija, 6 Jun 51

The Uglich Machinery Plant recently completed a suction dredge for the Volga-Don Canal project.

COMPLETE ASSEMBLY OF DREDGE -- Kishinev, Sovetskaya Moldaviya, 14 Oct 51

The Rostov-on-Don Krasnyy Don Plant has completed the assembly of a 300-40 suction dredge. This is the fourth special vessel the plant has built this year.

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